

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3420 – SB 3269

March 29, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015782):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Increases, from seven months to eleven months prior to the date a dental hygienist provides dental hygiene services not limited to direct supervision, that a supervising dentist must have examined the patient. Authorizes licensed dental hygienists, if certain requirements as outlined in this bill are met, to engage in the provision of preventive dental care in nursing homes, skilled care facilities, nonprofit clinics, and public health programs, under the general supervision of a dentist through a written protocol. Prohibits dentists from entering into a written protocol with more than three dental hygienists at one time, and vice versa. Requires all written protocols to be submitted to the Board of Dentistry and limits the validity of such protocols to two years.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Any rulemaking can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board of Dentistry meetings and can be accommodated within existing resources of the Board.
- Any cost incurred to ensure compliance with the requirements of this legislation will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources of the Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2011, the Board had a cumulative balance of \$1,950,570.92.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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